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1. Railroads in the USSR were under the Ministry of Railways. Until 1945 railroad workers and officials wore civilian clothes. After World War II all officials and employees of the Ministry of Railways received a navy-blue winter uniform with navy-blue shoulderboards. All high officials, firemen, engineers, male and female conductors, and ticket-sellers wore a uniform. In the summer they wore white blouses with white caps and white shoulderboards.
2. Ranks and grades of railroad personnel were comparable to Soviet military ranks and grades. Railroad personnel also wore shoulderboard insignia which denoted their type of work. Administrative personnel wore the hammer and sickle; construction personnel were identified by a bridge insignia, traffic movement by a locomotive, freight car, or derrick. Army personnel did not salute railroad officials, regardless of rank.
3. The Soviet Army operated only special trains which hauled military equipment, such as heavy guns, tanks, ammunition, and supplies. The army had its own rail repair and construction units. Source saw no army railroad engineers or firemen dressed in army uniforms with railroad insignia. They wore leather overalls or aprons to protect their uniforms when engaged in dirty work.

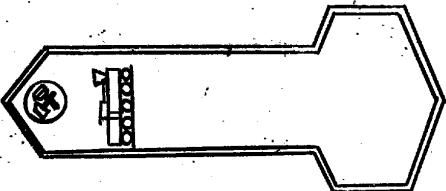
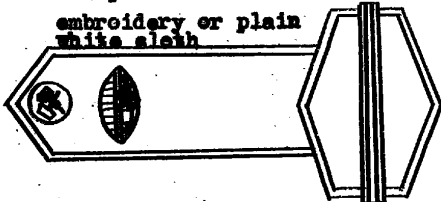
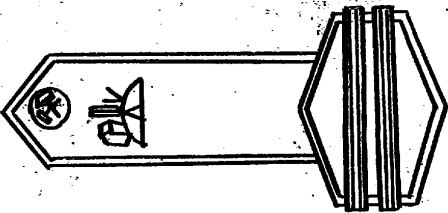
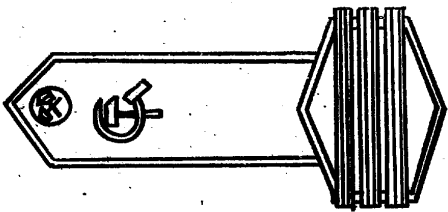
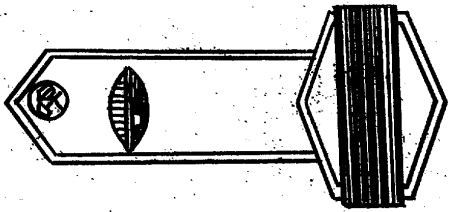
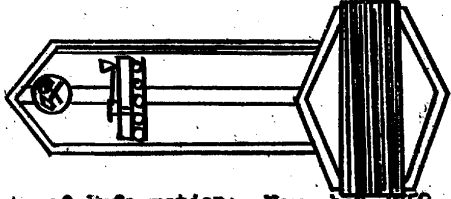
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Shoulderboards and Rank Insignia
of Soviet Railroad Personnel

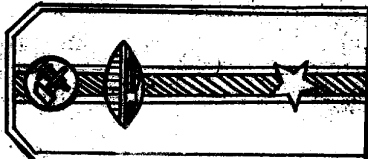
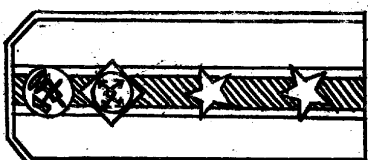
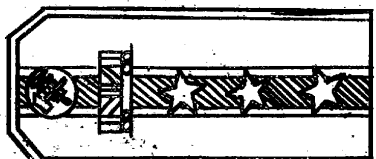
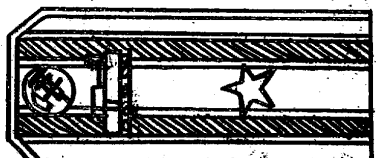

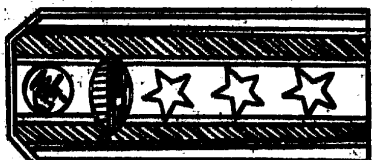
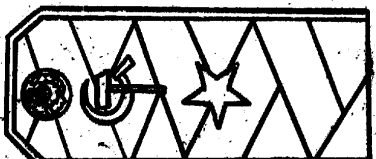

	Rank Worker (Pvt)	Branch Traction
<p>Stripes were of silver embroidery or plain white cloth</p> 	Brigadier (PFO)	Road Construction
	Sr. Brigadier (Cpl)	Traffic Movement
	Technician (Sgt)	Administration
	Technician 2d Class (Sr. Sgt)	Road Construction
	Technician 1st Class (M/Sgt)	Traction

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	Rank Technician Lt. (Jr. Lt.)	Branch Road Construction
	Engineer Lt. (Sr. Lt.)	Signal Communication
	Engineer Capt. (Capt.)	Traction
	Engineer Maj. (Maj.)	Traction
	Director Lt. Col. (Lt. Col.)	Administration
	Director Col. (Col.)	Road Construction
	Gen. Director 2d Class (US Brig. Gen.)	Administration
	Gen. Director (US Gen.)	Railways

Gen. Director, 2d Class (US Maj. Gen.) had 2 stars,
Gen. Director, 1st Class (US Lt. Gen.) had 3 stars.

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